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**VIA ECF**

Honorable Gerard E. Lynch  
United States District Court Judge  
United States District Courthouse  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street, Room 910  
New York, New York 10007

Re: Harmon v. Markus, et al., 08 CV 5511 (GEL)

Your Honor:

I am an Assistant Corporation Counsel in the office of Michael A. Cardozo, Corporation Counsel of the City of New York, attorney for defendants, Marvin Markus, Member and Chair of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board and the City of New York (hereinafter "City defendants"), in the above referenced action.

I write to request an extension of defendants' time to August 27, 2008 to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint in this action. City defendants' time to respond is July 16, 2008. This is the first request for an extension of time to respond to the complaint. Plaintiffs' counsel (plaintiff James Harmon is representing himself along with plaintiff Jeanne Harmon) has consented to this request. This request is also made on behalf on Amy Abramowitz, Assistant Attorney General, who is also requesting the same extension of time for the State defendants to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint.<sup>1</sup> Ms. Abramowitz is engaged in another matter

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<sup>1</sup> According to the Affidavit of Service, the State defendants' time to answer was July 9, 2008; however, upon information and belief, Assistant Attorney Abramowitz first received the case on July 9, 2008 and was not aware of the time for service of the State defendants' answer until after Continued...

and asked that I submit this request on her behalf. Plaintiffs have consented to the extension of time for State defendants as well.

Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Michelle Goldberg-Cahn (MG-4490)  
Assistant Corporation Counsel

Cc: James D. Harmon, Jr., Esq. – Counsel for Plaintiffs  
Amy Abramowitz, Esq – Assistant Attorney General, Counsel for State Defendants

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business hours, as she was engaged in depositions in another matter all day and is similarly engaged today.